



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Retention of Consultant for Preparation of Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility Expansion Project

MEETING DATE: July 17, 1991

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council authorize retaining the firm of Whitley, Burchett and Associates to prepare a supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the White Slough Expansion Project.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board staff is presently preparing a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for our White Slough Water Pollution Control Facility Expansion Project.

The present draft NPDES permit prepared by the Regional Board is proposing a 10/10 mg/L for BOD and suspended solids for all White Slough discharges. The City's present discharge requirements are 20/20 mg/L for BOD and suspended solids in the summer months, and 30/30 mg/L for BOD and suspended solids in the winter months.

The Regional Board has indicated that they are requiring the 10/10 mg/L discharge requirement because there was a statement in the City's final EIR document that indicated that, "Installation of the proposed clarifiers and other components, in conjunction with aeration system improvements recently completed, would allow the Water Pollution Control Facility to produce domestic effluent having 10 mg/L or less of BOD and suspended solids more than 90 percent of the time." It is felt that when our new plant expansion comes on-line, we will initially be able to meet the 10/10 requirement; however, as the plant approaches 80% capacity (approximately 7 mgd), the City would have to construct sand filters at a cost of \$1.5 to \$3 million plus a substantial increase in annual maintenance costs in order to meet the 10/10 mg/L requirement. We have been meeting and negotiating with the Regional Board staff on this item for some time. The Regional Board's legal counsel has indicated that if we provide additional CEQA documentation on a lesser discharge requirement, they would be able to modify their proposed 10/10 mg/L discharge requirement.

Mr. Burchett and my staff met with the Regional Board staff to discuss what additional CEQA documentation was needed and the requirements for changing the 1988 EIR. Attached is a proposal from Whitley, Burchett and Associates which accomplishes this task with the minimum amount of effort. The cost of this work would be approximately \$36,000. The proposal submitted has been reviewed by Lodi's Community Development Director and it is felt that the procedure proposed is

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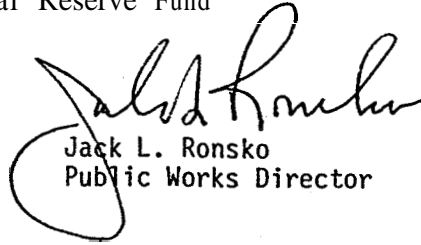

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City Manager



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appropriate and the employee hours submitted are in line. I feel strongly that the City should do whatever is possible to reduce the discharge requirements in the proposed NPDES permit. I would therefore recommend that the City Council approve the retention of Whitley, Burchett and Associates to accomplish the work shown in their attached proposal.

FUNDING: 17.2 Wastewater Capital Reserve Fund



Jack L. Ronsko
Public Works Director

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Attachment

cc: City Attorney
Water/Wastewater Superintendent



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June 12, 1991

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Attention: Jack Ronsko, Public Works Director
Fran Forkas, Water/Wastewater Superintendent

**Subject: Proposed Scope and Budget
White Slough WPCF Supplemental EIR**

Gentlemen:

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We believe that the time schedule presented in our letter of May 7th remains reasonable and will permit completion of the technical and environmental work necessary to support the required modifications to the EIR.

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Mr. Jack Ronsko
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We will be pleased to meet with you and your staff to discuss the details of this proposal at your convenience. Please call me if you have any questions or to arrange any necessary meetings. We look forward to your favorable consideration of this proposal.

Very truly yours,

WHITLEY, BURCHETT and ASSOCIATES, Inc.



Max E. Burchett, P.E.

cc: John Davis, EIP Associates

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White Slough **WPCF** Supplemental EIR

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Task 2 - Existing and Future Effluent Characteristics. Existing and future effluent characteristics will be statistically evaluated in this task to provide the basis for assessing current and future impacts of the White Slough WPCF discharge on the receiving waters.

Actual White Slough WPCF effluent quality data for a minimum of two years will be evaluated for mean, standard deviation and frequency of occurrence. The results of this analysis will be compared with published data ~~from~~ the literature for other activated sludge plants similar to White Slough WPCF.

Future effluent quality will be predicted using the above published data and design criteria for the expanded ~~White~~ Slough WPCF. The results of the analysis will be presented as a frequency distribution of expected future effluent BOD and suspended solids concentrations and mass emission loadings on the receiving waters.

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First, the results of the previous tasks will be used to predict the future impact of the treated effluent on the receiving waters. Using projections of the future effluent characteristics (Task 2) and the assessment of the impact of the current discharge on the receiving waters (Task 1), it should be possible to estimate the impact of the future discharge on the receiving waters.

The results of this analysis will be checked by performing theoretical calculations of the effect of the future discharge on the D.O. of the receiving waters. This analysis will be the equivalent of the classical "oxygen sag" analysis, except that it will be performed using steady-state equations from the literature developed for tidal estuaries. This analysis will be carried out under the direction of Dr. George Tchobanoglous, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of California, Davis. Values of the theoretical constants for dispersion of constituents in the tidally influenced receiving waters will be derived from the actual field data taken during the recent Dredger Cut dilution study.

If it is found that a significant impact will result from the use of the revised waste discharge requirements, the allowable concentrations of BOD and suspended solids to prevent adverse impacts will be estimated.

Task 4 - Evaluate Existing Effluent and Land Disposal Facilities. The results of the above analyses will be compared with design criteria in existing documents (e.g. contract documents, planning and design reports, existing EIR, etc.) to determine if the existing effluent storage and land disposal facilities are adequate to accommodate future design flow rates.

Task 5 - Prepare Supplemental EIR. The results from the above analyses will be used by EKP Associates to prepare the required supplemental EIR. The work is divided into five subtasks, as described below.

Subtask 5.1 - Prepare Notice of Preparation. Many governmental agencies will be involved in the environmental process, some as permitting agencies and others as reviewers. When an EIR is to be prepared on a proposed project or action, it is normal to begin the environmental review process by sending a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to all parties, including governmental agencies. A NOP will be prepared by EKP, together with an Initial Study. The NOP will include a brief description of the proposed action, and an Initial Study will be included indicating the environmental elements that might be significantly affected by the proposed action. The NOP and

Initial Study will be sent to the State Clearinghouse and a mailing list of agencies, organizations and individuals developed by the City of Lodi for the original EIR. Recipients of the NOP have 30 days within which to respond with comments and suggestions.

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- California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region
- California Department of Fish and Game
- San Joaquin County Health, Planning and Public Works Departments

In addition to the government agencies, it may also be useful to establish lines of communication with other interested parties.

Subtask 5.3 - Prepare Administrative Supplemental Draft EIR. EIP staff will utilize the data gathered from the results of the studies conducted in Tasks 1, 2, 3 and 4 above to prepare an Administrative Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Report (ASDEIR) for the proposed action. The analysis will focus on the potential effects of the proposed discharge on receiving water quality, particularly biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids and dissolved oxygen. Three copies of the ASDEIR will be submitted for review by the City of Lodi.

Subtask 5.4 - Prepare Supplemental Draft EIR. Following City review of the ASDEIR, EIP will prepare and publish the Supplemental Draft EIR (SDEIR). Fifty copies of the SDEIR will be printed. EIP will be responsible for distributing the SDEIR. A Notice of Completion will be filed with the State Office of Planning and Research.

Subtask 5.5 - Prepare Supplemental Final EIR. Responses to all written comments on the SDEIR will be prepared. It is proposed that one meeting be held by the project team to review comments received, discuss approaches and methods to resolve sensitive or controversial issues, and review the draft responses. EIP will prepare the Response to Comments document, which together with the SDEIR will constitute the Supplemental Final EIR (SFEIR). Fifty copies of the Response to Comments document will be printed.

ESTIMATED LABOR REQUIREMENTS AND BUDGET

The labor requirements and budget for preparing the supplemental EIR are estimated as follows:

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	a. Notice of Preparation	2			10	12
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5	<u>Management</u>	8				8
	Total hours	52	104	16	220	392
	Unit cost, \$/hr	120	70	100		
	Total labor cost, \$	6,240	7,800	1,600	15,360*	31,000
	Expenses, \$					1,600
	Total budget, \$					32,600

* Includes markup of 7% to cover WBA E&O insurance premium for subcontractor work.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

(Effective January 1, 1991)

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Assistant Engineer	\$ 50.00
Draftsperson	\$ 45.00
Clerical	\$ 40.00

Direct costs, such as reproduction, postage, telephone, printing, etc. will be billed at cost. Transportation will be billed at cost or 25¢ per mile, whichever is less. Subconsultants will be billed at cost plus 7 percent to cover the premium cost for WBA E&O insurance for subcontractors.



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